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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2002, consideration and entry of the following amendment, which is provided in accord with requirements set forth by the Examiner, is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the amendment places the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, reduces the number of issues for appeal by complying with specific requirements set forth by the Examiner. The amendment corrects obvious typographical errors in the specification.

**ABSTRACT:**

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Please add the following Abstract to the application (a copy of the Abstract on a separate sheet is provided, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b)):

—The use of protection schemes and solid phase synthesis reactions to